

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 29, page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

Because the present invention enables the controllers 3000 and 4000 to access the disk unit group 5000 as described above, each of the controllers 6000 and 7000 controls the object exclusively so that it is prevented that one and the same disk unit in the disk unit group is accessed simultaneously from those controllers.